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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Leslie C. Dirks
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : NPIC - Contract Programming Support

25X1 1. [] You noted on the attached report (page 2): "Assume we are not providing for this in FY 79 budget." That assumption is not correct. I think we misled you with our wording and its reference to FY 78. NPIC has programmed in its FY 79 budget for 1.9 million to be spent on further contract programming support which is scheduled to complete the development of NPIC's New Data System by the end of that year.

25X1 2. [] These FY 78 and FY 79 expenditures for contractual computer programming support are part of the total planned effort to develop NPIC's New Data System. From the beginning in FY 72-73 we planned to develop this new system over a six year period, including the conversion of our old computer system files to the new system. We scheduled the development of the new system in phases. There was no way we could accomplish each phase at the times dictated by [] milestones and customer needs without contracting for outside help to our in-house personnel resources.

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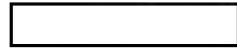
25X1 3. [] I have attached a table which shows you the total contract programming effort and its costs through the years of the scheduled development effort. I consider these costs to be money well spent for the worthwhile purpose of creating a photointerpretation exploitation and reporting capability which accords with imagery collection system capabilities and enables NPIC to meet the needs of customers throughout the Intelligence Community.

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4. [] I have included in the table our rough estimates for contract programming support which we think NPIC will need in FY 80, 81 and 82. The needs we project include routine system maintenance and improvements by [] employees on those facets of the system which they supplied and are best qualified to perform. Also, however, we project needs to begin work supporting preparations related to advanced technical collection developments such as a radar system.

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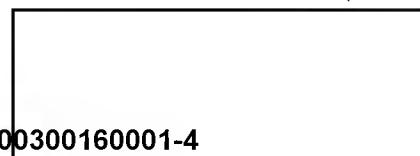
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Table - NPIC Data System Development Contract Costs

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